ऊर्जा विकास एजेंसी (नेडा) द्वारा राज्य में ग्रिड विद्युत की अनुपूर्ति और बढ़त के लिये चुनिंदा स्थानों पर 25—100 किवा० क्षमता के ग्रिड इंटरएक्टिव सौर विद्युत संयंत्रों की स्थापना के लिये विस्तृत परियोजना रिपोर्ट तैयार की जा रही है। राज्य सरकार ने स्वयं बनाओ-चलाओ—देखरेख करो के आधार पर निजी विकासकर्ताओं द्वारा 5—50 मेवा० सौर विद्युत परियोजनाओं की स्थापना के लिये प्रस्ताव भी आमंत्रित किये हैं।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Deterioration in Power Generation by Indrasprastha Power Station Units

574. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the power generation by the Indraprastha Power Station during the last three years as against the demand;

(b) the percentage of deterioration in power generation by Indraprastha Power Station units during the same period, year-wise;

(c) the percentage of rise in the forced shutdown, load sheddings during the last three years and the loss in power generation as a result thereof;

(d) the comparative percentage of loss in the power transmission during the same period; and

(e) the strategy formulated by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) to (d) The required details are given below:

Year	DESU's requirement of electricity (MU)	Generation at I.P. Stn.(MU)	Loss in generation at I.P. Stn. compared to previous year (%)	Loss in power generation due to forced shutdowns (MU)	Percentage rise in forced shutdowns	Load shedding (MU)	T&D losses in DESU system (%) (Prov.)
1993-94	11091	1144	17.48	705.06	89.36	87	30.32
1994-95	12203	1116	2.44	488.753	(−)30.68	111	32.10
1996-96	13143	1110	0.26	576.366	17.93	114	42.55

(e) To improve power supply position in Delhi, DESU has been advised to maximise power generation at its Stations, strengthen T&D System, check pilferage, reduce T&D losses, have better demand/load management and observe and enforce energy conservation measures.

An additional allocation of power from Central Power Generating Stations to Delhi has been made for meeting the increasing load demand in Delhi during summer months.

Shortage of Potable Water in Maharashtra Villages

575. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of villages located in the drought prone areas of Maharashtra are facing acute shortage of potable water and this problem is persisting for quite long;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government have taken or propose to take to counter drinking water scarcity in those villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) No such report has been received from the State Government. However as on 1.4.96 there were 22 not covered and 12,762 partially covered habitations in the State.

(c) The target is to cover 22 not covered and 5978 partially covered habitations, during 1996-97 and the remaining partially covered habitations in the subsequent years. An allocation of Rs. 88.10 crore under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Rs. 204.89 crore under State plan funds have been made during 1996-97.

Slow Implementation of Integrated development of Small and Medium Towns

576. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the slow pace of implementation of the Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT);

(b) the steps being taken to enhance the pace of progress in this area;

(c) the budgetary allocations for the purpose during the current year; and

(d) the trend of utilisation of the same in previous years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. V. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The guidelines for implementing the IDSMT Scheme have been revised in August, 1995 and circulated to all State Government and UT Administrations. The revised guidelines provide for release of Central and State shares under the scheme as grant and reduction in the share of institutional finance. The sailent features of the Revised IDSMT Scheme guidelines are annexed as statement (*see* below).

(c) The budget allocation for IDSMT Scheme during the current year is Rs. 35 crores.

(d) during the first 4 years of the VIII Plan (1992—97), the budget allocations made for IDSMT Scheme and Central Assistance released to State Govts./UT Admns. are as follows:

Year	Budget Allocation	Central Assistance released (Rupees in crores)
1992-93	15.00	11.60
1993-94	22.00	21.50
1994-95	25.00	24.41
1995-96	30.00	29.65

From 1979-80 till 1995-96, 828 towns were covered under IDSMT and Central share for project implementation amounting to Rs.258.05 crores released. Till March, 1996, the State Governments and UT Admns. have reported a total expenditure of Rs.349.32 crores against central share (+) State share (+) institutional finance released under IDSMT.